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FROM EMBASSY DOHA

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: EFIN IMF IBRD

SUBJ: ANNUAL IBRD/IMF MEETING

REF: A) STATE 182246; B) KUWAIT 3737; KUWAIT 3530

1. DUE TO LACK OF COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES AT DOHA, REF A RECEIVED AUG 29 AND WE UNABLE TRANSMIT REPLY BEFORE SEPT 5.
2. AS REPORTED IN REF B, SHAYKH ABDUL AZIZ BIN KHALIFA AL THANI, GOQ MINISTER OF OIL AND FINANCE, WILL ATTEND IMF MEETING AS QATAR'S REPRESENTATIVE. HE MAY BE ACCOMPANIED BY ONE OR TWO OTHERS, BUT THEY WILL SERVE MORE AS PERSONAL RETAINERS THAN FINANCIAL EXPERTS.

3. ABDUL AZIZ IS STILL IN HIS TWENTIES, AND IS NOT WELL VERSED ON OIL AND FINANCIAL MATTERS. WE DO NOT BELIEVE HE WILL RAISE ANY MAJOR ISSUED IN IMF/IBRD MEETINGS OR IN BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS
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WITH USG. HOWEVER, AS NOTED IN REF C, HE IS THE SON OF THE AMIR

AND WILL VERY LIKELY BE NAMED CROWN PRINCE. GIVEN HIS STATUS AS
POTENTIAL FUTURE RULER OF QATAR, WE WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF MEETINGS
AND BRIEFINGS ALONG LINES REQUESTED PARA 6 REF B COULD BE ARRANGED
FOR ABDUL AZIZ WHILE HE IS IN WASHINGTON. IT SHOULD BE KEPT
IN MIND THAT GIVEN HIS INEXPERIENCE AND LIMITED SUBSTANTIVE
GRASP OF FINANCIAL ISSUES, HE IS UNLIKELY TO TAKE INITIATIVE IN
REQUESTING MEETINGS AND THAT ALL OVERTURES MUST COME FROM
US.
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